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SUBJECT: CHAVAN VISIT AND JOINT COMMISSION MEETING

1. DATES - SECRETARY HAS APPROVED CHAVAN VISIT WASHINGTON OCTOBER 6 AND 7 FOR MEETING JOINT COMMISSION AND BILATERAL TALKS. INDIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS ADVISED US THESE DATES ACCEPTABLE TO GOI.

2. SCENARIO - WE ENVISAGE MEETINGS OF JOINT COMMISSION SPREAD OVER BOTH DAYS. AS PRESENTLY PLANNED, SECRETARY AND C;AVAN WILL OPEN FORMAL SESSION AT 1000 HOURS OCTOBER 6 AND HEAR VERY BRIEF ORAL REPORTS FROM CHAIRMEN OF THREE SUBCOMMISSIONS. SUBSEQUENTLY, BOTH WILL RETIRE FOR DIS-  
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CUSSION OF BILATERAL MATTERS NOT RELATED TO JOINT COMMISS-

ION. COMMISSION WILL THEN PROCEED TO REVIEW OF FORMAL CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS (COMMUNIQUE AND AGREED MINUTES) WITH UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON LEADING U.S. SIDE. AT 1245 HOURS OCTOBER 7, THERE WILL BE BRIEF PLENARY MEETING OF JOINT COMMISSION DURING WHICH SECRETARY AND CHAVAN WOULD SIGN DOCUMENTS AND BRIEF PRESS. THIS MEETING WILL BE FOLLOWED BY LUNCH HOSTED BY SECRETARY IN HONOR OF CHAVAN.

3. MEMBERSHIP - AS PRESENTLY PLANNED, UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON, CHAIRMEN OF THE THREE SUBCOMMISSIONS, AMBASSADOR

SAXBE AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON WILL PARTICIPATE ON U.S. SIDE IN MEETINGS OF JOINT COMMISSION. WE WILL PROPOSE THAT GOI BE SIMILARLY REPRESENTED. IN ADDITION, BOTH CO-CHAIRMEN WOULD BE FREE TO INVITE ANYONE ELSE AS PARTICIPANT OR OBSERVER.

4. SUBSTANCE OF PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 ABOVE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY SECRETARY. WE PLAN BEGIN IMMEDIATE DISCUSSIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE AND OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF PLANNING FOR VISIT WITH INDIAN EMBASSY HERE. EMBASSY WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF STATUS OF THESE TALKS AND OTHER WORK RELATED TO CHAVAN VISIT. MAW

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